AEZ for lime and Pomegranate in Karnataka

1639. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) when a proposal for establishment of AEZ for lime and pomegranate in Karnataka was received by Government;

(b) whether the above proposal has been cleared;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the present status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The proposal for establishment of an Agri-Export Zone (AEZ) for lime and pomegranate in Karnataka was received in Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority on 8 September, 2003.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) A peer evaluation of the performance of the existing AEZs, with a view to ascertain the reasons for shortfall in achievement of targets and suggest remedial action, has been undertaken. Setting up of new AEZs would be considered after the evaluation is complete.

Merchandized Exports

1640. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has fixed $93 billion target for merchandized exports;

(b) what is its present status and how far has the export growth been regained during the last three years;

(c) the action-plan of Government to give a further boost to these exports; and

(d) what is the position of Orissa in this sector?